



# Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid October 2, 2025

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- This product will be updated November 6, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
  - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ewx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Below normal rainfall was observed over the past 30 days.
  - Streamflows continue to trend lower as a very dry September led to a flash drought for portions of the area.
  - Drought outlook does not bode well for improvement through the next 3 months with drier and warmer than normal weather expected to continue.



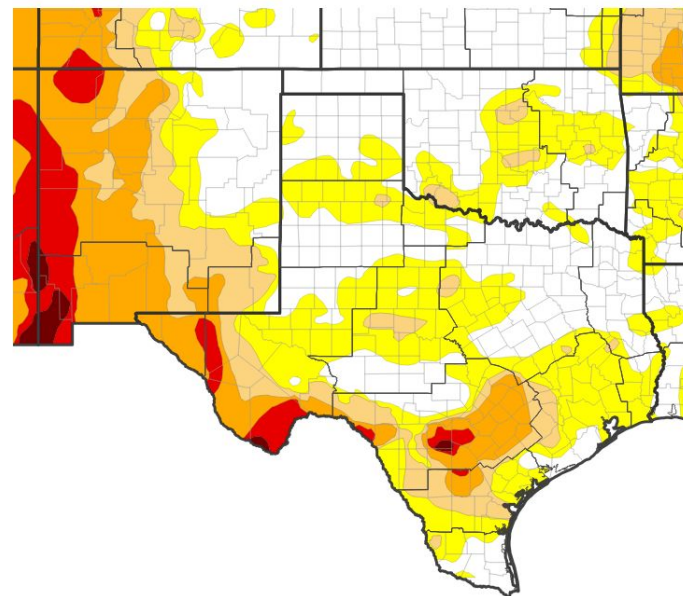


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for south central Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** Covers southeast Medina and northeast Frio.
    - Percent of Area: 1.05%
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers portions of Bexar, Atascosa, Medina, Val Verde, and Kinney counties.
    - Percent of Area: 6.30%
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the Rio Grande Plains, I-35 Corridor, and Coastal Plains.
    - Percent of Area: 40.60%
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Encompasses portions of the Coastal Plains, Rio Grande Plains, and I-35 Corridor.
    - Percent of Area: 64.98%

U.S. Drought Monitor



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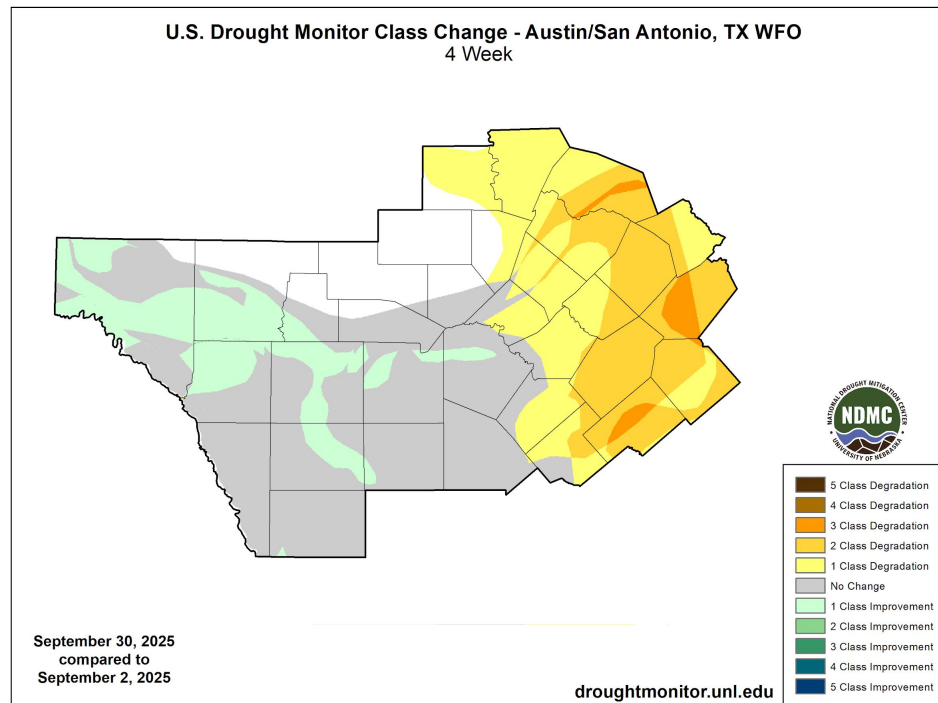




# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for south central Texas

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: Portions of the I-35 Corridor, Coastal Plains, and northern Hill Country.
  - No Change: I-35 Corridor and portions, southern Hill Country, and portions of the southern Edwards Plateau and Rio Grande Plains.
  - Drought Improved: Portions of the southern Edwards Plateau and Rio Grande Plains.



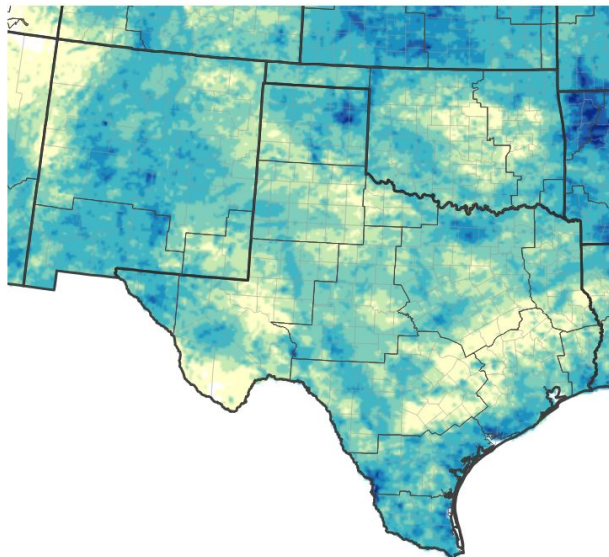


# Precipitation

Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- The majority of the service area saw below to well below normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
- A swath of 0-25% of normal rainfall occurred over the I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains.
- Some beneficial rain fell over portions of the Rio Grande Plains, but it resulted in little to no impact.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



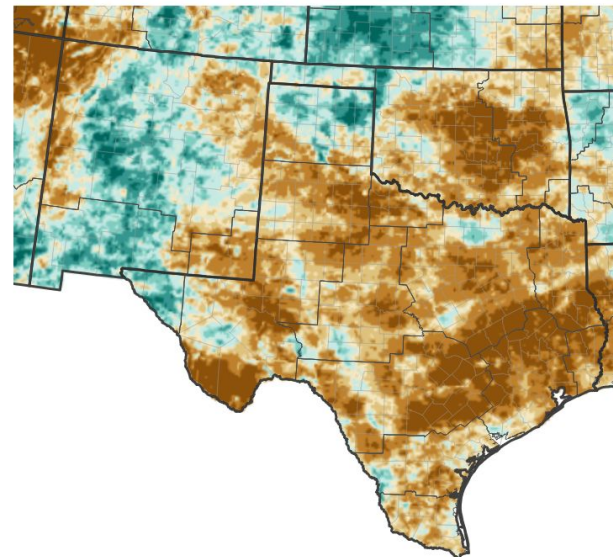
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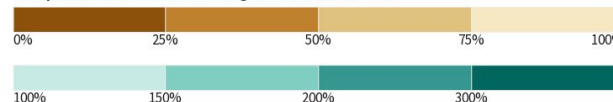
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within the Normal to Below Normal range ([USGS](#))
- Storage remains near all time lows at Medina, with Canyon Lake and Amistad remaining below normal.
- See next page for more details.

## Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop & Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife.
- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the near normal range as of October 4th. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Above normal wildland fire danger is expected for the month of October. ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details.

## Drought Mitigation Actions

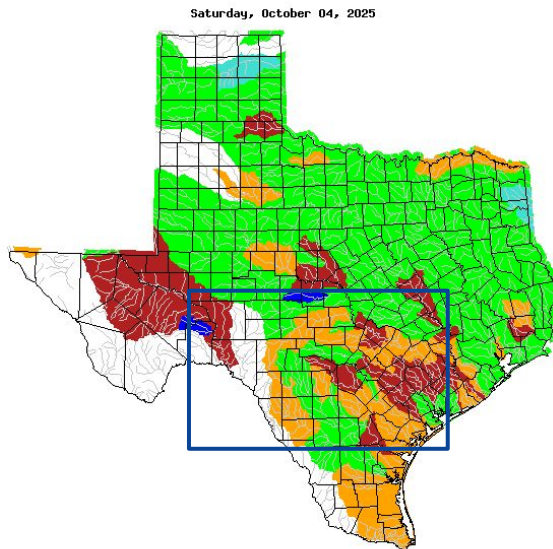
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.
- Select [Municipality Restrictions](#) (as of 10/2/2025)
  - City of Uvalde: Stage 5
  - City of Fredericksburg: Stage 4
  - City of Kerrville: Stage 2
  - City of San Antonio: Stage 3
  - City of Universal City: Stage 3
  - City of Llano: Stage 1
  - City of Georgetown: Stage 1
  - City of New Braunfels: Stage 2
  - City of Austin: Stage 2
  - City of Del Rio: Stage 2





# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within the Normal to below normal percentile.
- Several watersheds along the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains fall within the below normal to much below normal percentile.



Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1057.49 feet	35.9%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.03 feet	95.0%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1018.16 feet	95.3%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	891.28 feet	66.2%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	784.05 feet	77.8%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	503.76 feet	98.1%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.69 feet	98.2%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.40 feet	95.2%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	982.73 feet	5.7%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	671.25 feet	84.1%

Additional data:

[Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17](#) as 

of Oct 5, 2025:

10 day average: 628.8

Historical Monthly Average: 662.4

Departure from Average: -33.4

Explanation - Percentile classes							
	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
Low	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Figure Caption: [USGS 7 day streamflows for Texas](#), valid Oct 4, 2025.

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of Oct 5, 2025.

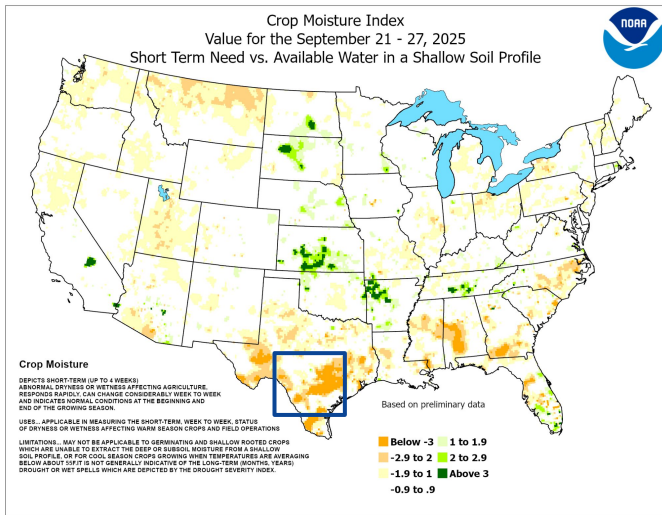




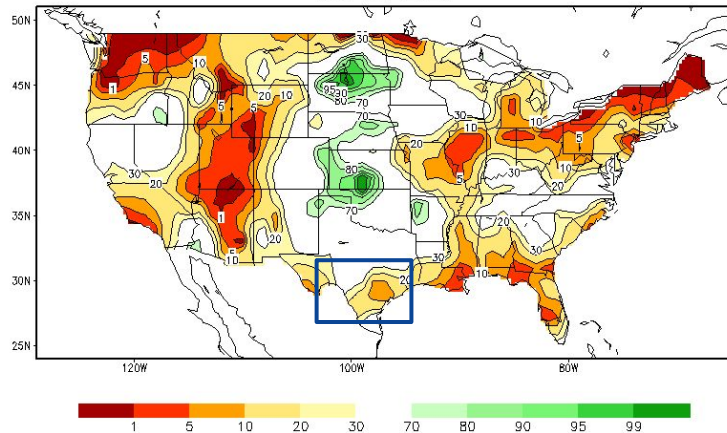
# Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) and [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#).

- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the near to below normal range as of October 4th.
- Crop moisture index values show near normal conditions to below normal conditions due to lack of recent rain in the month of September.



Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
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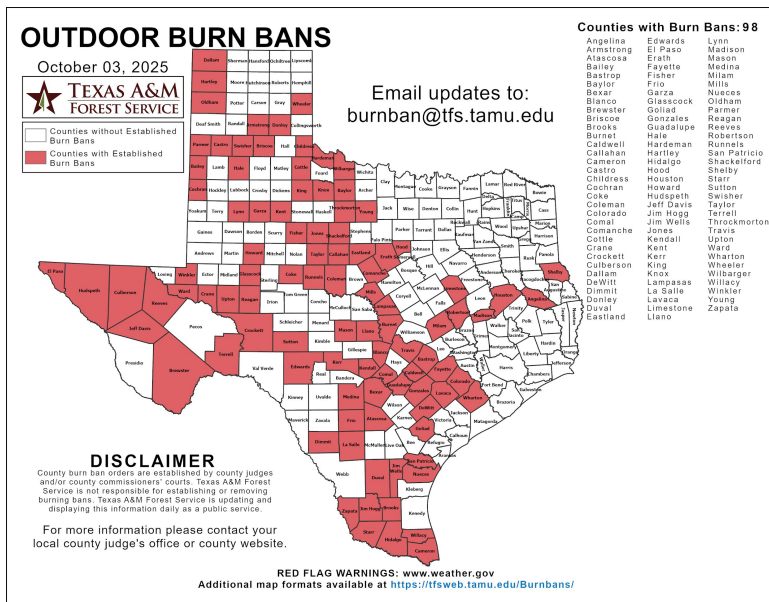




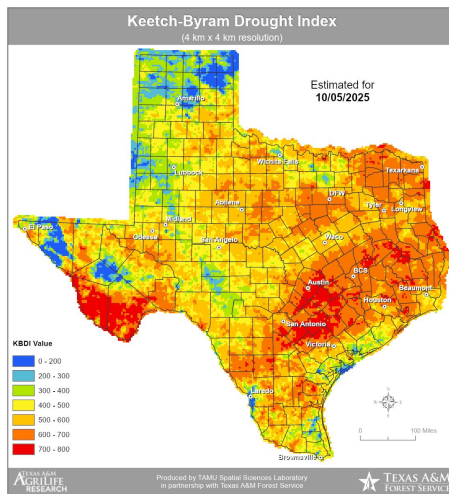
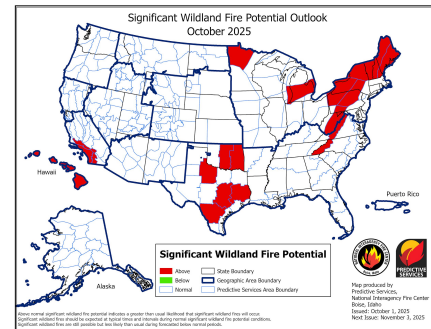
# Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) values of 600-800 are noted for much of the I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains.
- Values range between 200-600 for the remainder of the service area.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for above normal fire potential in October.



Burn bans remain for 20 of our 33 counties as of Oct 3, 2025. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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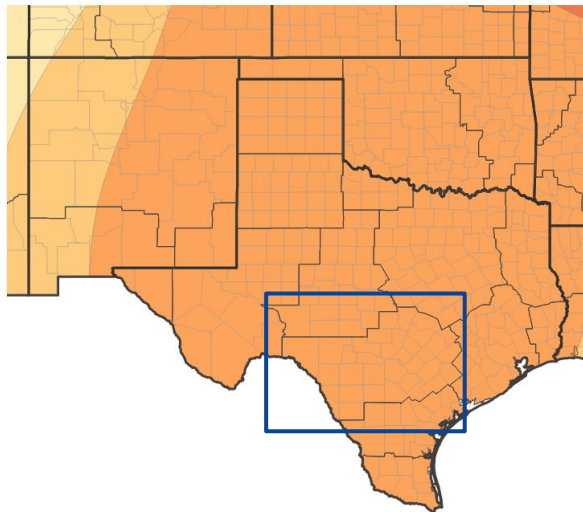


# Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The temperature outlook for the month of October shows above normal temperatures.
- The precipitation outlook the month of October leans towards below normal precipitation.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1,  
2025–October 31, 2025



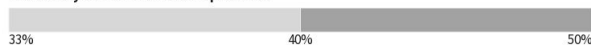
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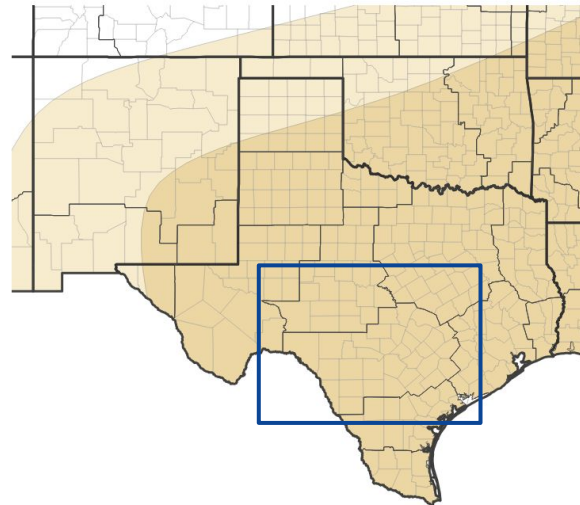
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for October 1,  
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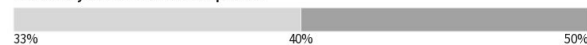
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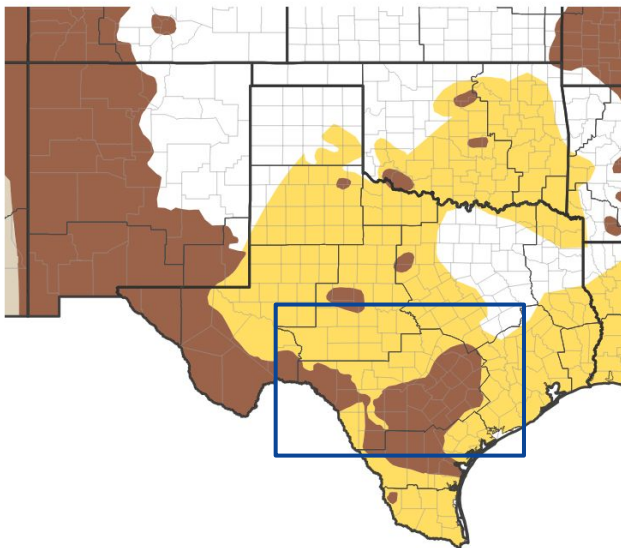


# Drought Outlook

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- The monthly drought outlook for October shows drought persisting for many and developing for the remainder of the service area.
- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting for many and developing for the remainder of the service area.

1-Month Drought Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



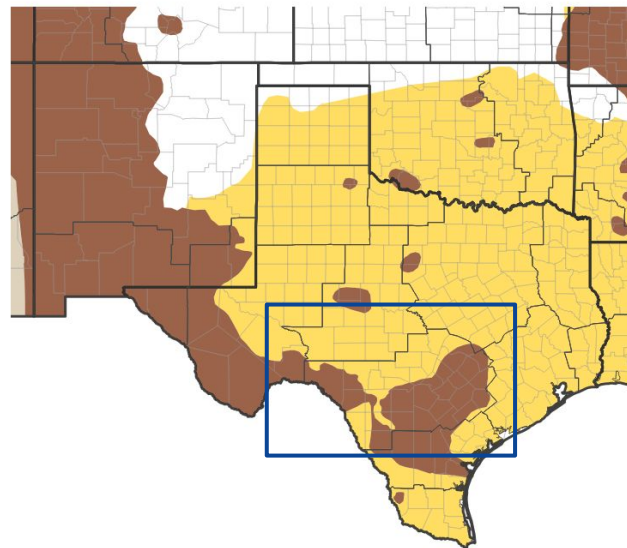
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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 2025–December 31, 2025



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)  
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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